

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the captioned Application in which claims 4 and 6-8 are amended, and claims 10-22 are newly added.

The specification is amended at page 1 to claim the priority of PCT Application No. PCT/GB2003/005706 and of United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0300476.9

Claims 4 and 6-8 are amended to remove all multiple dependencies. Support therefor is found, for example, in original claims 1-9. This amendment does not narrow the scope of any claim element or limitation and so is not limiting of any claim element or limitation, and Applicant reserves the right to the benefit of the doctrine of equivalents with respect thereto.

Priority Claim:

Applicant hereby claims the priority of PCT Application PCT/GB2003/005706 and of United Kingdom Patent Application No. GB 0300476.9 as set forth in the paragraph added at page 1 of the captioned Application, and requests confirmation thereof in the next paper.

Newly Added Claims 10-22:

Support for newly added claims 10-22 is found, for example, in original claims 1-9, in FIGURES 1-5, and in the specification at page 2, line 22, to page 4, line 3, and at page 4, line 22 to page 7, line 14.

Information Disclosure Statement:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicant cites the items listed on Form PTO-1449 submitted herewith and encloses a copy of each such item not a U.S. Patent or Patent Publication. No fee is required.


Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Application including claims 1-22 be examined and allowed.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$1040 in payment of the National Stage filing, search and examination fees, and excess claims fees, if any, for the number of independent claims and the total number of claims pending after entry of this timely-filled Amendment, and the Assignment recordation fee. There are no multiple dependent claims. A Fee Transmittal is submitted herewith. Should the fee calculation be incorrect, or any other or additional fee be due, please charge such fee and deposit any refund to Deposit Account 04-1406.

The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney if there is any question or if prosecution of this Application could be furthered by telephone.

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